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ND Highway Hall of Honor to induct three at July 13 banquet

The North Dakota Highway Hall of Honor, which has inducted 40 North Dakota men and women since its establishment in 1974, will add three new members July 13.

James J. Igoe (deceased); Eugene (Gene) C. Jackson and Walter Swingen will be inducted into the Hall during a banquet at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck, beginning at 6 p.m., Wednesday, July 13. The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$30 and available through Friday, July 8, by contacting Laurie Martin at the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), (701) 328-2584.

James Igoe established Igoe Construction Company in 1945. He specialized in driveways, gutter, curbing, and sidewalk work. Over the years, James J. Igoe and Sons Construction, Inc., grew and moved into highway construction and built interstate bridges and underpasses on both Interstate 29 and Interstate 94. Igoe's company also had a hand in numerous bridge, underpass and cofferdam projects across the state. Igoe was heavily involved in church and community projects, the Chamber of Commerce and numerous philanthropies until his passing in 1986.

Gene Jackson, of Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, is a professional Engineer and Land Surveyor, who has dedicated his life to the North Dakota Highway System by offering his expertise to cities and counties throughout the state. Throughout his career, he has maintained a genuine concern for the transportation system on every level. Jackson has always understood the value of developing good working relationships. He is concerned with the big picture for local governments and assisting with short and long-range planning. Jackson's foresight will continue to benefit transportation in North Dakota for years to come.

Walt Swingen, of Swingen Construction Company, has been a leader in the construction industry for over 50 years. Under his leadership, Swingen Construction Company has built numerous state and local bridges that are an essential part of the highway infrastructure throughout North Dakota. Swingen is a successful businessman who is universally respected. He is community oriented and active in a number of civic areas. Swingen is one of the founding members of the Association of General Contractors of ND Scholarship Fund and has worked tirelessly to fund scholarships for students.

The Highway Hall of Honor recognizes those who have improved the state highway or regional highway system or have used their influence as members of national or regional organizations to improve our highway system's effectiveness and safety. The Highway Hall of Honor Committee is comprised of representatives from highway contractors, city and county organizations, motor carriers and NDDOT.

Previous Inductees

- 1974** **James O. Kyser**, NDSHD Maintenance Engineer
John L. McCormick, Sr., pioneer contractor
Ray Robinson, NDSHD Maintenance Engineer
Milton L. Rue, contractor, legislator
- 1975** **Worl A. "Buzz" Wise**, NDSHD Materials Engineer
George Dixon, founder, Good Roads Association
Dean Hagen, NDSHD Secondary Roads Engineer
I. E. "Esky" Solberg, legislator, highway supporter
- 1976** **Archie Campbell**, pioneer contractor
Reuben Reich, NDSHD Materials Engineer
Maxine Scarff, NDSHD maintenance employee
- 1978** **James Connolly**, pioneer in highway safety
James Lamb, NDSHD Commissioner
A. W. Wentz, NDSHD Commissioner
- 1979** **Erling Henrikson**, NDSHD Construction Engineer
Adrian C. Taylor, pioneer concrete contractor
- 1980** **Robert E. Bradley**, NDSHD Chief Engineer
Walter R. Hjelle, NDSHD Commissioner
- 1981** **John Rouzie**, Highway 85 and Highway 12 associations
Harold Schafer, restorer, Medora
- 1982** **Mark P. Wynkoop**, NDSHD Chief Engineer
- 1983** **John McCormick, Jr.**, major Interstate contractor
- 1984** **Irvin Jordre**, NDSHD Bismarck District Engineer
Julius A. Roswick, pioneer motor carrier
- 1986** **Warren B. Diederich**, contractor, innovator
George H. Seaworth, Federal Highway Administrator
- 1988** **Robert E. King**, NDSHD Right of Way Engineer
Gerald W. "Cap" McCoy, AGC of ND Executive VP
- 1990** **James Haines**, contractor, promoter of Plains states solidarity
- 1993** **Lloyd O. Thompson**, contractor, engineering advocate
- 1998** **Kaye Braaten**, encouraged public-private partnerships
Lloyd Lammer, NDSHD Assistant Chief Engineer
- 1999** **Joseph Kirby**, NDDOT Bridge Engineer
Ralph Wood, NDHP Superintendent
- 2002** **Albert Bauman**, Mercer County Commissioner
- 2004** **Charles Gullicks**, NDDOT Planning and Programming Engineer
Ray Zink, NDDOT Chief Engineer
- 2006** **Roger Lee**, Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson
Curt Peterson, AGC of North Dakota, Executive Vice President
- 2008** **Jon Mill**, Burleigh County Engineer